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Claims 1-24 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-18 have been allowed.

Claims 19-24 have been cancelled herein.

Claims 1-18 remain pending in this application.

Reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-18 are respectfully requested.

The Applicant files this Substitute Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) and withdraws the Amendment and Response to Office Action filed November 20, 2006.

**ALLOWABLE CLAIMS**

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-18 have been allowed. These claims have not been amended and therefore remain in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-18.

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SUMMARY

The Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-18 in this Application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests full allowance of the claims. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at [wmunck@munckbutrus.com](mailto:wmunck@munckbutrus.com).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fees) or credit any overpayment to Munck Butrus Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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